

**Chapter 89 NAWCC**  
**November 16, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Date and Location** Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, was the date of the 6<sup>th</sup> and final Chapter 89 meeting of this year. Thanks to Tim Martel, the meeting hall at the Brunswick United Masonic Lodge was available for members to set up chairs and to arrange items on tables for the Fall Auction. There were a few items for sale in the Mart beforehand. At around 10 am, a brief meeting of the Portland street clock work group was held to review the progress.

The Lodge kitchen was busy with the workers from Catering Temptations, who prepared and served a wonderful Thanksgiving turkey dinner buffet with “all the fixin’s”. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and conversation before the business meeting.

**Call to Order, Attendees** At 12:45, President Tim VonReyn called the meeting to order. Thirty four attendees made self-introductions around the room. Everyone joined in thanking the Catering Temptations crew for the dinner.

**Guests and New Members** Guests this time included Joann Fournier and Anne Gaboury, but there were no new members.

**Secretary’s Report** The minutes from the September meeting were late due to some computer glitches, but Mark reported that those notes should be sent out soon after some editing.

**Treasurer’s Report** Bruce reported that the current account balance is about \$4700, but the income and expenses for this meeting are pending. The Chapter will cover the additional expenses for today’s catered dinner.

**Upcoming Events** 1. Tim announced that we recently received a notice from Chapter 40, the Rip Van Winkle Chapter, that they will be having a large estate sale at their next meeting’s Mart. This will be held in Saratoga Springs, NY, on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and members from New England Chapters are invited.

2. Next year’s NAWCC National Convention will be held in Dayton, Ohio, in June 2020.

3. The 2020 Ward Francillon Time Symposium is planned for next October in Philadelphia.

**Old Business** 1. A descriptive Chapter 89 brochure had been drafted by Mark Beever, and copies from a small initial printing were passed around. The general impression was positive, and if we get more printed, they could be distributed in clock shops, antique stores, museums, etc. to promote the benefits of NAWCC and Chapter 89 membership.

2. Starting with our January 2020 meeting, we will offer a new meeting registration system. Tim Von Reyn has set up this system in our g-mail account, and those who receive announcements by e-mail will see a link to an on-line reply site. The names will be accessible to Bruce and Chapter officers to make an attendance list. Anyone responding on-line will be expected to pay the meeting fee on arrival, instead of mailing a check in advance. Members who prefer regular mailed announcements can still send the slip and payment to the Treasurer.

3. Harry gave an update on the work on the Portland street clock. The final disassembly of the hands, dials, and motion works was finished on a drizzly cold day in October, with many volunteers lending hands and tools. Several days later, the case was dismantled by a crane and trailered to Georgetown. We have started painting the cleaned parts, and hope to get the movement assembled this winter. The goal is to re-install the clock next May. Some of the parts were on display in the Masonic hall during the meeting. John Paynter offered to help design a new concrete base.

**New Business** 1. We will plan to have an Executive Council meeting before the January meeting.

2. Chapter repair workshops will continue next February 15<sup>th</sup> at Paul Fournier's shop, with work progressing on an American kitchen clock movement. The woodworks clock finished in the last workshop series will be available in today's Fall Auction, with proceeds going to the Chapter.

**50:50 Drawing** Tony Accardi held the ticket for the first prize drawing, and Mark vanLunen won the second drawing cash prize. Warner Vaughn won a third drawing for a NAWCC Bulletin Supplement which had been donated.

**Elections** The candidates for 2020 officers and directors were announced by Director Tim Martel. A motion was made to vote in the slate of candidates, as follows:

President	Tim VonReyn
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Tony Accardi
2 <sup>nd</sup> V. P.	open
Secretary	Mark Beever
Ass't Secretary	Sam Ogilvie
Treasurer	Bruce DeLugo
Ass't Treasurer	Kathi Smith
Directors	Jinny Mead, Paul Fournier, and Tim Martel

**Show and Tell** 1. Mark vanLunen showed a N.H. mirror clock with decorative overhanging crown molding and gold balls around the top. The dial has a Benjamin Morrill signature, but on close inspection Mark found that it had been painted over the old cracked dial paint. The clock has a rectangular banjo-style movement, and runs on a very large rectangular iron weight. The inside of the door is signed by R. Morrill. Mark wonders if the clock was made by Reuben Morrill, who was repairing clocks in the 1860's.

2. He also brought a nice-looking Massachusetts shelf clock, and described some issues he had found. The concave dial had been repainted. The chimney and wood finial showed some glue repairs. Both scrolls of the pediment had missing pieces restored. Mark had brought some published information and thought the clock might be one by Levi Hutchins.

**Program** Everyone moved from the cafeteria to the meeting hall for the Chapter 89 Fall Auction. Harry served as Auctioneer Extraordinaire, and runners included Dave Smith, Ray Humphries, Paul Fournier, and Tim Martel.



Harry Hepburn and Paul Fournier during the Chapter 89 Fall Auction

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